

Scrap Heap Challenge

Wednesday 29 July

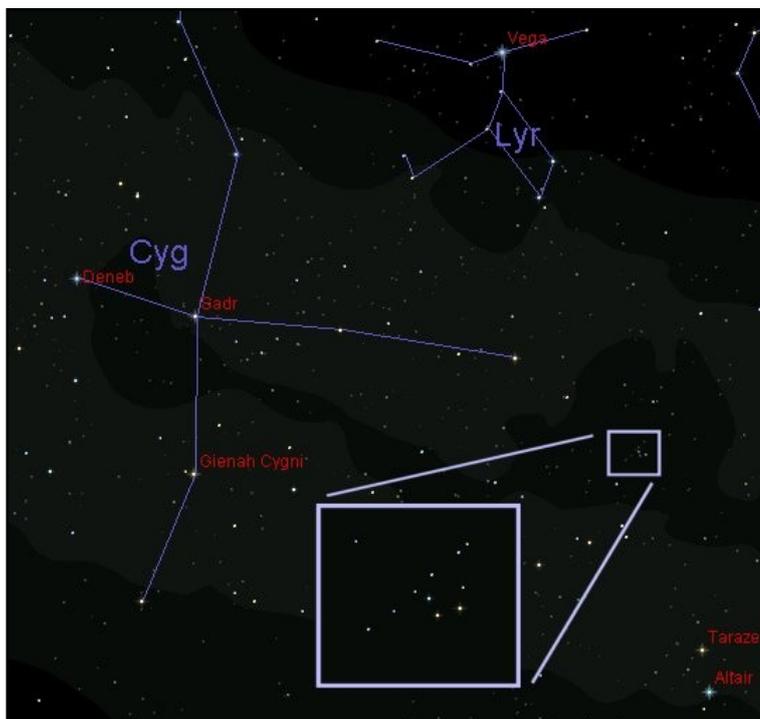
2:00 – 4:00 Spaxton Village Hall

Entry: £3.00 for adults and first child, £2.50 for second child
Come and make an exhibit for the Village Show from Scrap Materials!
Suitable for all ages (no unaccompanied under 5's)

Tickets will be available from Spaxton Community Shop or from Diane 671819

SPAXTON NIGHTS

Picture the scene...it's mid June, you're at a friend's bar-b-que, it's gone 11 o'clock and you're on your fourth can of lukewarm Fosters (it was on offer at Asda, no one ever buys Fosters unless it's on offer). You look up at the sky and see a lovely vista of bright stars; in the South Eastern sky you see a triangle made from three bright stars; this is called the Summer Triangle. It's made up of the brightest stars from three constellations. The top one is Vega in the constellation of Lyra, then down to the left is Deneb in Cygnus, then Altair in Aquila (down at the bottom right in this diagram).



Now put down your warm, flat can of lager and grab your binoculars (it's a good idea to take a pair just in case you get stuck talking to Dave whose hobby appears to be 'speed camera design 1994 to present day', a subject he seems to know a lot about...sadly for you). Now, with bins in hand you can change the subject and point out an amazing group of stars called 'the coat hanger'. It lies about half way along a line drawn from Vega to Altair (shown inside the box in the diagram) When a group of stars forms a pattern like this it's called an asterism.

Cygnus contains one of the loveliest double stars you will see in the sky, it's called Albireo but sadly is only visible with a small telescope. It lies at the end of the long line of stars leading away from Deneb, I mention it because if you get a chance to look through a telescope it's well worth a look.

Something to look out for at the end of June - Venus and Jupiter will be very close together, visible just after the sun sets. It will be a wonderful sight through binoculars.

So that's it for now. Enjoy your bbq's, don't forget to look up.... and steer clear of the lamb kebabs, I don't think there is much lamb in them! Steve Page